

T. L. PAYER'S REPORT

Capt. J. W. Frits, Dets. Boyd, Senkel, Sims, and Turner were assigned as part of the security force furnished by the Dallas Police Department for the President's visit to this city November 22, 1963.

At 9:00 AM on the 22nd of November, Capt. Frits briefed each of these detectives on the specific duty that he was to perform. Capt. Frits, Dets. Sims and Boyd were to assist in providing the security at the President's table and speaker's stand at the Trade Mart. Dets. Senkel and Turner were assigned to ride with Deputy at Chief George Lumpkin in preceding the President's motorcade by approximately 1/2 mile and keep Chief Curry, who was with the motorcade, informed of conditions along the route.

At 10:10 AM Capt. Frits, Dets. Sims and Boyd arrived at the Trade Mart and parked on the east parking lot. They entered the Trade Mart and met Dave Grant and Robert Stewart of the Secret Service. These men discussed the duties, and Capt. Frits, Sims, and Boyd familiarized themselves with the area around the President's table and speaker's stand. Capt. Frits and Mr. Robert Stewart of the Secret Service made the final inspection of the President's table at 12:30 PM.

Dets. Senkel and Turner arrived at Love Field at 11:40 AM with Chief Lumpkin, and Major Weidemyer, U. S. Army. After the President's party's planes had landed, they drove to the gate of Love Field at Cedar Springs and Mockingbird Lane. A Secret Service man had joined them at Love Field, and there were five people in their car. At 11:50 AM they received word via radio that the President's party was leaving, and they proceeded along the route and kept in constant radio contact with Chief Curry, who was accompanied by Sheriff Pecker. They were on Stemmons Expressway when they heard on the radio "Notify Parkland

to stand by, I think he has been hit." They pulled off the Expressway, and when the President's car went by, they followed to Parkland and helped with the situation until the President and Governor were carried into the hospital. Then they, along with Forrest Sorrels, U. S. Secret Service, proceeded to the scene of the shooting at the Texas School Book Depository, 411 Elm, and arrived there at 12:50 PM. Det. Senkel, along with Deputy Sheriff Weatherford, entered the building and proceeded to search the building from the ground floor up. Det. Turner assisted in searching a box car and then proceeded to the Sheriff's office at Main and Houston to assist in questioning witnesses to the offense.

At 12:41 PM Deputy Chief Stevenson told Capt. Fritz that the President had been involved in an accident at the triple underpass and to go to Parkland. Capt. Fritz, Dets. Sime and Boyd left their assigned area, and Capt. Fritz had them verify the accident report to forestall a hoax. The dispatcher told them the President had been shot. They arrived at Parkland Hospital at 12:45 PM, which is 1 mile from the Trade Mart. On arrival, Chief Curry placed Capt. Fritz in charge of the crime scene and he, Dets. Sime, Boyd, and Sheriff Decker, proceeded to 411 Elm and arrived there at 12:58 PM. Capt. Fritz, Dets. Boyd and Sime and several other officers took the freight elevator and stopped on the second floor and found officers already on this floor. They also found officers on the 3rd, 4th, and proceeded to the 5th floor, and made a search along the front and west windows and then went up to the 6th floor. Some of the officers got off to search this floor and Capt. Fritz, Dets. Sime and Boyd went to the 7th floor and began the search there. At 1:15 PM Deputy Sheriff, Luke E. Mooney, found the empty rounds on the floor under the southeast window, and Capt. Fritz was notified. He inspected the scene and placed Dets. Johnson and Montgomery in charge of the scene where the empty rounds were found to await the arrival of Lt. Day of the Crime Lab. He then instigated a

thorough search of the entire floor from east to west. At 1:20 PM Lt. Day arrived and Johnson and Montgomery assisted him. At 1:25 PM Deputy Sheriff Weitzman found the rifle on the 6th floor, five feet from the west wall and eight feet from the stairway. About the time the rifle was found, Mr. Truly, manager of the Texas School Book Depository, gave Capt. Fritz the name and address of Lee Oswald, who was an employee of the company, but was now missing from the building. Capt. Fritz was then notified that Officer Tippit had been killed on West 10th Street in Oak Cliff. Capt. Fritz had instructed Det. Senkel and Det. Brown, who had reported to Capt. Fritz at the scene, to take some of the employees of the firm to the Homicide and Robbery office and question them. They left, and William H. Shelly, Bonnie Ray Williams, Danny Garcia Arce, employee, accompanied them to the Homicide and Robbery office. They were taking affidavits from these men when the suspect who had been arrested at the Texas Theater, 231 West Jefferson was brought into the office. They immediately identified him as an employee of the Texas School Book Depository, Lee Oswald. Capt. Fritz, Det. Sims and Boyd left 411 Elm and stopped by Sheriff Becker's office for a short time and then returned to the Homicide and Robbery office. They arrived shortly after Oswald was brought in, and Det. Baker told Capt. Fritz the suspect's name was Lee Oswald, the same as the one given to Capt. Fritz by Mr. Truly.

Lt. Welle, on the instructions of Capt. Fritz, had called all detectives of the Homicide and Robbery Bureau back from days off and vacations immediately after the President's shooting occurred. These were Dets. Hall, Adancik, Anderton, Dhority, Graves, Beck, and Potts.

Det. Leavelle, who was assisting in the investigation at Elm (411) at the Sheriff's office, was instructed to investigate Officer Tippit's murder. He proceeded to the scene of the offense, and after the arrest of Oswald, returned to the office.

Capt. Fritz had Dets. Sims and Boyd bring Oswald to his office from the Interrogation Room, where he was being held by Dets. Stovall and Rose. This was at 2:20 PM. During this first interrogation period F. B. I. agents Bookout and Hosty, Dets. Sims and Boyd were present while Capt. Fritz talked to him.

At approximately 2:30 PM Capt. Fritz told Dets. Stovall, Rose, and Adamcik to meet the Sheriff Deputy Officers at 2515 West 5th Street in Irving, Texas. This is the home of Ruth Paine, with whom Lee Oswald's wife was staying. Deputy Sheriffs W. E. Walthers, and J. L. Oxford met these officers at this location and were invited into the house by Ruth Paine. She agreed for them to search the house, and these officers did so. While they were there, Ruth Paine's husband, Michael Ralph Paine, came in. These officers asked Oswald's wife, Marina Oswald, if her husband had a rifle, and she said she had seen a rifle wrapped in a blanket in the garage. Marina Oswald does not speak English, and the interpretation was done by Ruth Paine. The officers found the blanket used to wrap the rifle in the garage, but the rifle was gone. A Mrs. Bill Randall, 2439 East 5th Street, Irving, Texas, approached Det. Adamcik and told him that her brother, Wesley Frazier, took Lee Oswald to work this morning, and that she saw Oswald carry something over to her brother's car and put it in the back seat. It was long and wrapped in paper, or in a box. The officers confiscated several other objects belonging to Oswald and brought Mr. and Mrs. Paine and Marina Oswald to the Forgery Bureau because of the crowded conditions of the Homicide and Robbery Bureau.

At 2:30 PM Capt. Fritz also sent Dets. Senkel, Potts and Lt. Cunningham of the Forgery Bureau to 1025 North Beckley to search the room of Lee Oswald. They waited there until Justice of the Peace, David Johnson, Det. Turner and Moore arrived, and searched the room. Oswald had the room rented under the

name of O. H. Lee. While waiting for the search warrant, Mrs. Earlene Roberts, the landlady, and a Mrs. A. C. Johnson were watching television and saw a picture of Lee Oswald and immediately identified him as the same O. H. Lee, who had a room rented there. After the warrant arrived, the room was searched, and numerous Communist books and other literature was found, and all property taken to the Homicide and Robbery Bureau.

At 4:35 pm Helen Markham, who had witnessed the shooting of Officer Tippit, viewed a showup consisting of Lee Oswald, Bill Perry, R. L. Clark, and Dan Ahles. She positively identified Lee Oswald as the one that had shot the officer. While searching Oswald again prior to the showup, Det. Boyd found 5 live rounds of .38 ammunition in his left front pocket, and Det. Sims found a bus transfer slip in his shirt pocket. After the showup he was again returned to the Homicide Office.

Det. Leavelle and Graves learned of two more witnesses to the Tippit murder, a Sam Guinyard and a Ted Calloway, and were instructed to have them come down and look at Oswald in a showup.

The street car transfer slip was traced, and Lt. Wells instructed Dets. Dhority and Brown to meet the Piedmont bus at Commerce and Harwood and have the bus driver, Mr. McMatters, look at Oswald in a showup. At 6:30 pm Mr. McMatters, Sam Guinyard, and Ted Calloway looked at Oswald in a showup, and all positively identified him: Ted Calloway and Sam Guinyard as being the person running from the scene of the shooting of Officer Tippit with a gun in his hand, and Mr. McMatters identified him as being a passenger on his bus shortly after the shooting of President Kennedy. McMatters said he caught the bus at approximately Elm and Murphy.

At 7:03 pm Lee Oswald was arraigned before Judge Johnston. He was also filed on at this time for the murder of Officer Tippit with Bill Alexander of the District Attorney's office. Captain Fritz signed the complaint.

After Mrs. Oswald and Mr. and Mrs. Pains were brought to the Forgery Bureau, she was shown the rifle found on the 6th floor of the Texas School Book Depository. She said it was like the one her husband had, but could not be sure. Det. Senkel, with Det. Adamcik, who understands a little Russian, and with Mrs. Pains and Mr. J. A. Brourantue interpreting, took an affidavit from Mrs. Oswald. This was approximately 7:00 PM.

At 7:55 PM Mrs. Jeanette and Virginia Davis looked at Lee Oswald and positively identified him as the man who walked across their lawn unloading a gun. A woman was standing nearby screaming, "He has killed him". She then saw the police car parked a short distance away.

At 8:55 PM Det. Hicks and Studebaker came to the Homicide and Robbery office and fingerprinted Lee Oswald. A few minutes later Det. Pete Barnes came in, and the three Crime Lab men made paraffin cast of Lee Oswald's hands.

At 9:00 PM Det. McCabe, of the Irving Police Department, called and said they had picked up Wesley Frazier, who had carried Oswald to work that morning. Dets. Pose, Stovall, and Adamcik went to the Irving Police Department and with Frazier's permission searched his car and home. Later Wesley Frazier, his sister, Minnie Randle, and Rev. Campbell of the Irving Baptist Church came with the officers to the Homicide and Robbery office, and Wesley Frazier and his sister, Minnie Randle, gave affidavits. Buell Wesley Frazier said that Lee Oswald had carried a package he described as curtain rods into the Texas Book Depository that morning.

Buell Wesley Frazier took a Polygraph test, and the test showed he was telling the truth. This test was given between 11:20 PM on the 22nd and 12:10 AM on the 23rd of November.

During all interrogations there were representatives of the Secret Service and the F. B. I. present. Capt. Fritz was unable to interrogate Oswald for any great length of time at one time because of the many other duties that he had to attend to during period that Oswald was brought into the office at 2:15 pm until he was placed in jail for the night at 12:20 am, November 23, 1963.

Approximately 11:20 pm Chief Curry came to the Homicide and Robbery office and instructed us to take Lee Oswald to the showup room on the first floor for a press conference. While Chief Curry and Henry Wade were present at this time, it was decided to file on Oswald for the murder of President Kennedy. Henry Wade and Bill Alexander, of the District Attorney's office, accepted the complaint at 11:26 pm, November 23, 1963 signed by Capt. Fritz. Oswald was arraigned before Judge Johnston at 1:35 am, November 23, 1963 in the Identification Bureau.

Shortly after midnight Lee Oswald, accompanied by all the detectives in the Homicide and Robbery office and numerous other detectives and uniformed officers, was taken to the 1st floor showup room. There he remained for five minutes and was taken from there to the jail office elevator. He was taken upstairs to the 4th floor jail for searching and booking by Deputy Chief Lumpkin, Dets. Baker and Leavelle of the Homicide and Robbery Bureau. After booking and being searched, he was accompanied by the same officers to the 5th floor jail.

From this time until 2:00 am, November 23, 1963, the detectives of the Homicide and Robbery office remained on duty in the Homicide and Robbery office.

At 8:00 am, November 23, 1963, Detectives Beck and Leavelle returned to duty. All the rest of the Homicide and Robbery detectives reported back by

10:00 AM. At 10:30 AM Capt. Fritz instructed Dets. Sims, Hall, and Boyd to bring Lee Oswald from the jail to his office. After he was brought to Capt. Fritz's office, he interrogated him again with Jim Bookout, F. B. I., Mr. Kelly, Secret Service, Robert Nash, U. S. Marshall, and Dets. Boyd and Hall present. He was returned to the jail at 11:30 AM. At 11:30 AM Lt. Wells instructed Dets. Boyd, Hall, and Dhority to secure a search warrant from Justice of the Peace Joe B. Brown, Jr., and again search Lee Oswald's room at 1026 North Beckley.

At 12:30 AM Dets. Montgomery and Johnson were instructed by Lt. Wells to go to the Oak Cliff Cab Company at Davis and Tyler and contact a driver by the name of W. W. Scoggins and bring him to the City Hall. When they arrived at this location, they were advised that he was standing by at the cab station at the Adolphus Hotel at Commerce and Akard. The supervisor at this cab station said there was another driver we should talk to by the name of Bill Whaley. This driver was contacted, and they went to the cab company office at 610 South Akard and picked him up and brought him to the City Hall also. Mr. Scoggins witnessed the shooting of Officer Tippit. Mr. Whaley had picked up Lee Oswald at the Grayhound Bus station and had carried him to the 500 Block of North Beckley shortly after the President was shot. Both these men were shown Oswald in a line-up and both positively identified him. Both gave affidavits.

At 12:30 PM Dets. Rose, Stovall, Adamcik, and Moore secured a search warrant from Justice of the Peace Joe B. Brown, Jr., and went to 2515 West 5th Street. Det. McCabe of the Irving, Texas, Police Department, accompanied them. They seized several articles belonging to Lee Oswald.



At 1:00 PM Capt. Fritz instructed Det. Hall to issue a visitor's pass to Lee Oswald's mother and wife to visit him. Juvenile police woman, Mildred Reeves kept the children while they visited him. Visit started at 1:10 PM and lasted for approximately 20 minutes, and they were returned to the Forgery Bureau at 1:30 PM.

At 2:15 PM a show-up was held, and the two taxi drivers, William Wayne Whaley and W. W. Scoggins, positively identified Oswald; Scoggins as the one he saw shoot Officer Tippit, and Whaley as being the passenger in his cab that he hauled from the Greyhound Bus Station, Lamar and Commerce, shortly after the President was shot.

At 3:30 PM Det. Hall, per instructions of Capt. Fritz, issued a pass to Robert Oswald, Lee Oswald's brother. This visit lasted for 5 minutes.

Dets. Moore and Adamcik went to Irving, Texas, accompanied by Det. Mc Cabe, of the Irving Police Department, brought Michael Paine to the Homicide and Robbery office, and took an affidavit from him, and he returned to his home at approximately 9:30 PM.

Dets. Graves, Sims, and Hall brought Oswald from the jail to Capt. Fritz's office at 6:00 PM. At 6:30 PM Capt. Fritz, with Bookout, F. B. I., and Mr. Kelly of the Secret Service, present interrogated Oswald again. He was returned to the jail at 7:50 PM.

Approximately 7:00 PM Mrs. Mary E. Blodsoe came to the office and said that she was on a bus and that Lee Oswald, who she knows because she used to live at the same place he did, got on the bus at Murphy and Elm, and when the traffic stopped the bus, he got off at Elm and Lamar. This was shortly after the President was shot. She gave an affidavit to these facts.

All detectives were released from duty at 9:00 PM except Det. Sims, Boyd, and Hall, who remained on duty until 12:00 midnight.

On Sunday, November 24, 1963, Det. E. R. Beck arrived at the Homicide and Robbery office at 6:30 AM. Capt. Fritz arrived shortly after Det. Beck's arrival. By 9:00 AM Dets. Graves, Leavelle, Montgomery, Brown, Baker, and Dhority had arrived. Approximately 9:30 AM Capt. Fritz had Dets. Leavelle, Graves, and Dhority bring Oswald to his office from the jail. Present at this interrogation were Mr. Sorrele, Mr. Kelly of the Secret Service, Mr. Holmes of the U. S. Postal Service, Det. Montgomery, Dhority, Leavelle, and Graves. Chief Curry was present for a few minutes at the beginning of the interrogation and returned again near the close. Capt. Fritz instructed Det. Dhority, Brown, and Beck to go to the basement and get the cars set up for Oswald's transfer. Det. Dhority was to put his car by the jail door and Beck to drive the lead car. At 11:15 AM Lee Oswald left Capt. Fritz's office on the 3rd floor with Det. Leavelle handcuffed to his left arm, and Det. Graves holding onto Lee Oswald's right arm, and Capt. Fritz, Det. Montgomery, and Lt. Swain of the Burglary and Theft Bureau accompanying them. The jail elevator was used to go to the basement jail office. Prior to leaving the office, Capt. Fritz told Det. Baker to notify the jail office they were leaving with Oswald and to have the cars ready. Det. Baker notified the jail office, and Lt. Wiggins said all was clear. When the elevator reached the basement jail office, Capt. Fritz, with Oswald and the other detectives, hesitated inside the jail elevator, and the all clear was given, and they moved out from the elevator into the jail office. At the door of the jail office that leads into the hallway, Dets. Graves, Leavelle, and Montgomery, who were with Lee Oswald, hesitated again until Capt. Fritz and Lt. Swain could determine that the hall way was clear, and then they moved into the hallway. Capt. Fritz and Lt. Swain preceded Dets. Graves, Leavelle, Montgomery, and Lee Oswald, and they moved into the basement from the hallway

with Det. Leavelle handcuffed to Oswald's right wrist, and Graves on Oswald's left side, holding onto his arm. Det. Dhority was having trouble moving the car back because of the camera and newspaper men blocking the way. Capt. Fritz had opened the back door of the transfer car when a man broke quickly out of the large crowd of newspaper men and stepped up to Lee Oswald and fired one shot. Dets. Graves, Montgomery, and Leavelle, who were facing the brilliant lights of the cameras were unable to see until just as he fired. Lee Oswald fell, and Det. Graves grabbed the suspect, whose name was Jack Ruby. He was disarmed, and Lee Oswald was carried to Parkland, accompanied by Dets. Graves, Leavelle, and Dhority. Lee Oswald was shot at 11:21 AM, and died at 1:07 PM at Parkland Hospital. He was pronounced dead by Dr. Tom Shires. Capt. Fritz, Dets. Beck and Brown also went to Parkland. Before leaving for the hospital, Capt. Fritz instructed Det. Dhority to have Capt. Talbot get the names of everyone in the basement where the offense occurred.

Det. Graves accompanied Lee Oswald to the operating room to stand guard there. After he died, Dets. Dhority and Brown accompanied Dr. Rose to the morgue where he performed the autopsy. Det. Graves, who had disarmed Ruby, turned the gun over to Capt. Fritz in the basement before going to Parkland.

Judge Mc Bride ordered the post. At 3:00 PM Capt. Fritz had Dets. Hall, Boyd, Montgomery, and Senkel bring Ruby from his cell to his office. Present for this interrogation was Mr. Sorrells, and an unknown F. B. I. agent. At approximately 3:45 PM Peace Justice Mc Bride came in. He advised Ruby that he had been filed on and advised him of his rights. Ruby had been filed on for Lee Oswald's murder shortly before. Charges were accepted by Bill Alexander of the District Attorney's office. Ruby was returned to the jail at 4:00 PM.

On November 25, 1963, Jack Ruby was transferred at 11:45 AM by Detectives of the Homicide and Robbery Bureau to the County Jail.